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Arrested for Smuggling Munitions Across Border

El Paso, Tex., May 23.—Caught in the act of passing large quantities of munitions across the Rio Grande into Mexico, three Mexicans were arrested near Fabens, Tex., last night, border patrol troops of the Eighth United States Cavalry reported today.

Twenty Mexicans have been arrested for the same offense along the border this week.

Fear Enemy Aliens Started Forest Fires in Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn., May 23.—A special meeting of the State public safety committee was called for today to consider charges that alien enemies of the United States started the disastrous forest fires which are devastating rich timber contracts and settlers' farms in northern Minnesota. Governor Burnquist called the commission meeting at the urgent request of State Forester Cox.

Capital Women Make
Flag for Use Abroad

A large American flag, made by three Washington women, shortly will be carried over the trenches on the French front by the Lafayette Flying Corps, composed of Americans. The flag was presented to the French Ambassador, Jules J. Jusserand, by the makers yesterday. Mrs. William G. McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, presented the women to the French Ambassador, and on their behalf expressed the wish that the flag be forwarded to Europe as speedily as possible.

John M. Bishop, of the income tax division of the Treasury, purchased the materials for the flag, and the work was done by Misses Lavella Mitchell, Helen Smith, and Mary D. Blaine, all of the same division.

EMPLOYEES OF W. R. & E.
TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Company Officials Announce Plans to Finance Individual Purchases.

The several thousand employees of the Washington Railway and Electric Company's system, which includes the Potomac Electric Power Company, will be afforded an opportunity to subscribe to the "Liberty Loan" under a plan formulated yesterday by the executive committee of the company, consisting of Clarence P. King, Woodbury Blair, Milton E. Allen, Clarence F. Norment, and Charles J. Bell, all of whom are prominently identified with local financial interests. Under the plan which was formulated at the meeting held in the general offices of the company, every conductor, motorman, inspector, starter and depot clerk in the transportation department of the railway company and every employee attached to the clerical departments of the railway and lighting companies will be afforded an opportunity to purchase the Liberty Loan bonds upon small monthly payments, the company financing the payments for the individual employees.

The opportunity thus afforded employees to participate in subscribing to the national loan is without benefit to the company, the interest accruing on the bonds going to the credit of the employee subscribing.

Chinese President Ousts
Premier Tuan Chi Jui

Peking, May 23.—President Li Yuan Hung today issued a mandate dismissing Premier Tuan Chi Jui. The reason given was that the entire cabinet already had resigned and that without a ministry the president's position was untenable.

Immediately after the dismissal of Tuan Chi Jui, the President appointed Dr. Wu Ting Fang, former Ambassador to the United States, to be acting premier. The latter was authorized to organize a new ministry.

In some quarters the President's action was heralded as bringing to an end the hesitating policy with regard to a declaration of war on Germany.

Since the decision is, however, in the hands of the Parliament, the view prevails in well-informed circles that the action will not materially change the situation.

TWO AMERICANS SAVED.

An American Port, May 23.—Two Americans, Clarence Felton, of Norfolk, and Louis McNeil, of Philadelphia, were saved when a German submarine sank the British steamer Hackensack, according to passengers reaching here from Europe. The sinking of the British steamer Thistle was also reported.

SAYS POVERTY IS FANCIED.

"How to Realize Abundance" was the subject of a lecture delivered last night by Miss Emma Gray, president of the National New Thought Center, at the Washington Loan and Trust Building. She declared that people think they are poor because they lack a few things, whereas if they only took thought they could obtain many things which are more precious than gold.

LIFTS BAR ON MEXICANS.

As an aid in solving the farm labor problem, Secretary of Labor Wilson yesterday issued orders lifting the ban which would keep Mexican agricultural workers from crossing the border. This is accomplished by temporarily setting aside the literacy test and the contract labor clause of the immigration law.

Advised Transfer Across New York.

Colonial Express, through day train to New York, will leave Washington at 11:30 a. m. daily. Pennsylvania R. R. and N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Arrive Boston 5:30 p. m. daily.

ADMIRAL DECLARES SHELLS ARE OF BEST

Says Navy Neglects No Tests Tending to Safety.

"Navy shells are subjected to every test known to humanity," said Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, yesterday.

"We have a lower percentage of shell accidents than Great Britain, Germany or Japan. That is part of the record."

Admiral Earle was speaking apropos of the accident on the steamer Mongolia, which, he said, was not due to a defective shell, but to the brass cup which surrounds it tearing loose. An editorial appearing in The Washington Herald attributed negligence or inefficiency to the navy authorities in permitting defective ammunition to be used on the armed ships, and Admiral Earle denied that negligence was in any way responsible for the accident.

Quotes the Record.

"Our official statement tells the whole story," he said. "Nothing is being concealed from the public. We had no reason to suspect that anything was wrong. We are striving all the time to turn out perfect shells, and we have made as much progress in this direction as any navy in the world."

"It is impossible that any enemy agent, any traitor, could have tampered with the shells; navy precautions are entirely sufficient. The shells in question were thoroughly tested in 1916, and they are just as good as if they had been put up in 1917. We know that only two out of eighty-seven burst when subject to extremely high pressure in the tests—pressure much higher than they get in actual firing. A shell does not deteriorate with age; therefore we do not scrap them of scrap powder."

"We have accidents, of course. They are unavoidable. But our record, compared to other navies, is of the highest."

The Washington Herald had no intention of reflecting on Admiral Earle or any other officer of the Ordnance Bureau, although it did attempt to point out the danger of permitting the confidence of the public in the American navy to be undermined by a series of accidents such as have already occurred on the St. Paul, the St. Louis and the Mongolia.

Some Facts Withheld.

The facts regarding the St. Louis and the St. Paul were not published for several weeks after they were known to the newspapers, for the reason that the Navy Department requested that the facts be withheld. Now that they are made public, the public is in an interrogating mood. Naturally, the layman, the man in the street, does not take the technical, the expert, view of these accidents; he judges only by results.

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conveyers thereof, but only through the columns of the press, among its ultimate consumers. The war, it is not as it should be, but there is at least one good reason for it. Senator Stone is still chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. So far he is the only person in the country who has done any serious blabbing. And, of course, he cannot be allowed to have any information.

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WAR'S FOOD DEMAND WILL TAX U. S. HARD

One Billion Bushels of Grain Will Be Required.

Reports on crop conditions abroad, issued yesterday by the Department of Agriculture, indicate that the United States and Canada will be heavily taxed to meet the food requirements of the European war. The International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, gives the condition on May 1 of growing cereals as good in Tunisia, average in Spain, the Netherlands and Algeria, and mediocre in France, Great Britain, Italy and Switzerland.

It was estimated that our allies will require 1,000,000,000 bushels of grain from outside sources before this bulletin was received from Rome. It is probable that this total will be increased, and indications now, including the United States and Canada, are that crops here will not furnish more than 60 per cent of this 1,000,000,000.

The area sown in most of the countries from which reports have been received in Rome is larger, in most cases, than last year and for the five-year period 1911 to 1915.

ITALIAN ENVOYS HERE

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Color of France, in honor of the visitors. The mission came to Washington from New York on a special train provided by the State Department, and were accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, who met them at the port where they landed.

Secretary of State Lansing and other high officials of the government met them at the station and rode with them to the Joseph Leiter home on Dupont Circle, which will be their headquarters while in this country.

The chief object of our mission is to convey the greetings of the king and the people of Italy to President Wilson and we shall, therefore, make no official declaration before having seen the President, said the Prince of Udine, while, as a prince of the house of Savoy, as a cousin of the king of Italy and as head of the Italian mission, I cannot help saying to you that I am happy and proud to find myself in the United States, in the moment in which it is bringing the invaluable contribution of its will and of its resources in the defense of human rights and of the liberties of the nations.

Praises U. S. Intervention.

"Italy, which for many centuries has been divided and harassed by the oppression of foreign masters, which has for so long a time been the victim of the oppressors of human rights and of the laws that should regulate warfare, Italy, which in the middle of the past century succeeded at last in freeing herself and becoming a nation, which drew its power from the principle of nationality and independence, has acclaimed with great enthusiasm the intervention of the American people who have joined the allies in order to defend the rights of the weak against the tyrants of the world."

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WEST MISUNDERSTANDS WILSON, SAYS LEWIS

Senator Says Red Cross Speech Has Unfortunate Effect.

"That Red Cross speech of President Wilson's on May 12 is still causing trouble in the West, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, told the Senate yesterday. At the same time, President Wilson wrote to Representative Poole, of North Carolina, explaining that the speech had been 'misinterpreted'."

The liberty loan and the conscription law will both be hampered if the wrong impression is circulated concerning the speech, said Senator Lewis.

"This misunderstanding concerning the speech is prevailing too generally," said he, adding a pamphlet circulated in Illinois, attacking the speech. "If the West really believes what is in this pamphlet, there will be great difficulty in obtaining its sons and its funds to fight this war."

"The idea is being spread that the President said we had 'no grievance' against Germany. In the West they are asking 'why should we give our children to fight for a man who has no grievance?' The President has never said that America has no grievance. He merely said that America had no special grievance aside from other nations; that we were fighting this war for all democracy and mankind."

TEN BILLIONS A YEAR
AT BOARD'S DISPOSAL

Ten billions in gold a year will flow into the coffers of American industries through purchases by the allied purchasing board, it was stated yesterday. The further prediction was made that the board would do the buying for the United States army and navy, as well as our allies.

Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels are reported already working on plans whereby the purchasing activities of the Quartermaster General's Department and the Paymaster General's Department will be turned over to the allied purchasing board.

PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL EAGER TO JOIN IN WAR

Extracts from the eloquent plea of Brazil's president to the Congress that the nation desert the paths of neutrality and join active in the war of democracy by the state of the United States reached the State Department yesterday.

"I submit the case to the judgment of the national Congress," he said, "convincing that, if possible, any resolution is adopted it will strengthen more than before the happy understanding which exists between Brazil and the United States."

Roads Not to Oppose U. S. Control of Coal

The railroads will not oppose government regulation of the prices of coal, equipment and materials if such a course is necessary as a war measure, Senator Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, said yesterday afternoon under cross-examination by counsel for the shippers at hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the railroads' application for increased freight rates. He contended, however, that under present conditions the increases asked were necessary.

Mr. Rea contended that there would be lessening of the estimate of \$20,000,000 increase in the cost of labor and materials this year for the Eastern railroads. The railroads placed themselves at the disposal of the government with no expectation that co-operative operation would be the means of saving expenses, Mr. Rea declared.

British War Mission Prepares to Quit U. S.

The British mission is ready for its departure from America, Foreign Minister Balfour and Sir Eric Drummond yesterday closed their last conferences with Assistant Secretary of State Polk and put before him a summary of the work which has been done and a report of the mission. It will be submitted to the British government.

This afternoon Mr. Balfour will make his farewell address in America when he will speak at the Washington newspaper conference. The State Department is arranging for the departure of the English mission and will make no announcement of their leaving.

Clandestine Love Scenes May Frustrate Wife's Suit

Chicago, May 23.—Clandestine love scenes along the boulevards of Paris and shores of California, with his wife and "other men" as the principals, were related in a deposition of Prof. William L. Tower, former of the Chicago University and now in the government service at Tucson, Ariz., offered in Judge Foell's court today in opposing the suit of Mrs. Lucile K. Tower for separate maintenance.

The professor charged that six weeks after their marriage in 1908 the family life had been "simply an armistice." He named a Los Angeles physician, now deceased, as co-respondent.

THREE PLACES TAKE FIRE.

Spontaneous combustion is believed to have started a fire early last night in the charcoal room of the Washington Terminal Company, at the Union Station, which did \$50 damage.

A fire was discovered early last night in the home of Mrs. Alice R. Wilson, 726 Sixth Street northwest. Damage amounting to \$75 was done.

Small damage was done by a fire last night which started in a pigeon house on the roof of the home of Annie Gerow, 1006 Massachusetts avenue northwest.

BURNSIDE POST HONORS DEAD.

Burnside Post, No. 8, G. A. R., held its annual memorial exercises last night for members who have passed away since May 27, 1916. Comrade J. E. Hart presided. Addresses were made by Comrade Couden and Hoff. G. M. Salzberger. Several selections were rendered by the Metropolitan Quartet, consisting of Mrs. J. Lester Brooks, Dr. Bruce Hoofnagle and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Clark. Mrs. Milton H. Prosper was the accompanist.

THREE NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK.

Christiania, May 23.—Three more Norwegian merchant ships have been sunk by German submarines, bringing the relations between this country and Germany to the breaking point.

It was said that loss of life attended the destruction of the ships. The names of the vessels were not made known.

DUMBA MADE LIFE LORD.

Vienna, May 23.—Sixty new appointments to the House of Lords were made today by Emperor Charles. Among the new life members of the upper chamber of Parliament are Dr. Constantin Dumber, former Austrian Ambassador to the United States.

MARTIAL LAW IN LISBON.

Portugal—Martial law has been declared in Lisbon, Portugal, as the result of food riots there, according to a dispatch received here today. One hundred persons are declared to have been killed in the fighting on the streets.

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BANKERS' ASSOCIATION BOOSTS LIBERTY BONDS

Members Volunteer for Speaking Campaign in City Theaters.

Red-blooded patriotism of the good old American type predominated in the gridiron room of the New Willard Hotel last night at a gathering of presidents, vice presidents, cashiers and other officials of practically every bank in Washington, at a special meeting of the Bankers' Association of the District of Columbia.

The meeting was called by John Poole, president of the organization, who presided. Mr. Poole announced that beginning at once, talks would be given by bankers during intermissions in all of the theaters in the city, including the larger moving picture theaters, to explain just how a liberty bond could be purchased on the installment plan at any of the banks in the District.

The thirty local banks all agreed upon a uniform plan of installment subscription, which enables the buyer to pay as low as \$5 cash and \$5 per month until the bond is paid for, at which time it is turned over to the purchaser with 3-1/2 per cent interest.

"We bankers here can do as much for our country as an army officer," said George O. Watson, of the National Metropolitan Bank, "and we don't have to go to a training school, because we have all been at this business almost a lifetime."

"We must make the people in Washington realize that it is their patriotic duty to purchase these bonds. I have a son in the navy and I want him to have a fighting chance, if nothing else, but unless we obtain the money to purchase shot and shell he won't even have that chance," he declared.

"Something more than money is to be considered by the citizens of the District, at this period of national emergency," stated Milton E. Allen, of the Riggs National Bank. "More patriotism, fervor should be put into this thing, and this, the Capital of the nation, should not only buy its quota of liberty bonds, but should oversubscribe."

Bankers present told of experiences with customers who, although good business men, had never taken the trouble to find out just what a liberty bond was and the easy way it could be purchased. The following bankers last night volunteered their services to speak at the theaters and meetings: T. T. Gallinger, John Poole, E. S. Wolfe, Corcoran, Thon, Robert N. Harper, R. Elmore, G. O. Watson, H. H. McKee, J. Evans, W. Spade and others. In order to further the interest, circulars will be passed out to the theaters explaining the bond issue and what it means to the government for a patriotic citizen to purchase one or more.

Those present at the meeting were Milton E. Allen, H. H. McKee, E. E. Allen, George W. White, G. O. Watson, A. R. Buff, W. A. Spade, J. Evans, Cuno H. Rodolph, E. E. Thompson, G. E. Linkins, W. T. Gallinger, F. E. Davis, William Selby, Charles J. Bell, Corcoran, Thon, Andrew Parker, W. J. Walker, W. H